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SUBJECT: ERW CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 74694

1. ON OCCASION GREEK NATIONAL DAY MARCH 22 CHARGE WAS ABLE TO
RAISE DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW OUR
CONCERN THAT MFA SPOKESMAN HAD CONFIRMED INFORMATION CON-
CERNING NATO CONSULTATIONS ON ERW WHICH HAD BEEN MATTER
EXCLUSIVELY FOR CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATIONS WITHIN ALLIANCE.
FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND ASSERTED THAT FIRST
LEAKS CAME FROM BRUSSELS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD MET
WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SITUATION PRIOR TO REGULAR
PRESS BRIEFING AND DECISION HAD THEN BEEN TAKEN TO PERMIT
SPOKESMAN TO MAKE STATEMENT REPORTED IN THE HAGUE 1507. CHARGE
REPEATED THAT IT WAS NEVERTHELESS UNFORTUNATE FOR ONE MEMBER
OF ALLIANCE TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN MATTER OF SUCH SENSITIVITY,
VAN DER KLAUW TOOK THE POINT BUT REPEATED RATHER LAMELY
THAT HE THOUGHT CAT WAS OUT OF BAG BEFORE HAGUE WENT PUBLIC.
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